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Eastern Illinois University, Charleston

## Eastern one of the top two education colleges

By DAN LADEUR  
STAFF WRITER

Julia Abell, director of planning and institutional studies, said the top five degrees students earn at Eastern are elementary education, family and consumer sciences, board of trustees, communications studies and psychology.

"Eastern is known as a teaching school, and if you ask across the state...they're going to say Eastern and Illinois State are the top two teaching schools (in Illinois)," Abell said.

According to Eastern's Web site, there were 250 elementary education degrees awarded between July 1, 2003 and June 30, 2004.

Chad Meents, a junior history major with a secondary education minor, said one reason he chose to

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CHELSEA MALONE

attend Eastern is because it has such a good education program.

"I had heard it had a good education program, and it was more cost-effective than ISU," Meents said. "I was also familiar with the school through different camps I have been involved with."

Chelsea Malone, a sophomore English and secondary education major, said she immediately liked Eastern's educational opportunities.

"The more I heard about Eastern's teaching program, the more I liked it," Malone said. "It was the first school I visited, and I heard that Eastern's teachers are the most sought out."

Malone said her hard work is worth the effort because she knows it will pay off.

"The program here is really intense, but worthwhile," she said. "It makes sure that we are well-prepared for our future classrooms."

Abell said Eastern's graduation rate is slightly above the state and national levels.

She said graduation rates work on a six-year rate, which means it is the percent of students who graduated within six years of entering Eastern.

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## Job market is good for graduating seniors

By HILLARY SETTLE  
CAMPUS EDITOR

Students graduating this year can be optimistic about the job market.

According to the Job Outlook 2005 survey conducted by the National Association of Colleges and Employers, the job market is improving, especially for graduates with a bachelor's degree in computer-related fields.

Peter Liu, coordinator of the graduate program in the school of technology, said the school of technology has seen a definite increase in enrollment in recent years.

He said one area of concentration in the school of technology called computer technology has almost doubled over the past four years, and the graduate program in the school of technology is also increasing.

"The whole graduate program

increased from 65 students to 115 students," he said.

Liu said he is not surprised at the demand in computer-related fields.

"This area is really booming," he said. "This is mainly because the applications of computers have spread out due to the Internet, and more people are using computers."

Career Adviser Bobbi Kingery said she also understood the high demand for computer-related fields.

"People want things that are done over the Internet, that are day-to-day technology, more than what used to be taught in the classroom," she said. "There are programming and networking people behind everything you do. As we get more online-focused, we need people to support that."

Kingery said there are other areas usually in high demand from

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## MORE TO LIFE THAN MEETS THE EYE

Eastern student makes most of sight impairment

By JENNIFER PERHAM  
ADMINISTRATION EDITOR

Seeing a rainbow shine through the sky after a heavy rain is a part of life most take for granted, but Ben Wright will never have that experience.

It's not that Wright doesn't take time out of his busy college schedule to appreciate this sight; he has been blind since he was born.

"If I could see, it would be so overwhelming, I'd be like a kid at Christmas time seeing and wanting to get it all, take it all in," said Wright, 23, a junior family and consumer science major at Eastern.

Wright said if he had his sight, he would like to see the sun, moon and his parents.

Even though Wright thinks about what it would be like to see, he attributes religion, family and friends for helping him realize there is more to life than meets the eye.

"I wouldn't be here without God because he has seen me through my life and sent a lot of people to help me keep going," Wright said. "I have decided being blind is who I am. I would rather see the good things in heaven than the bad on earth."

Wright, originally from the Philippines, lived in an orphanage and was adopted when he was three years old. Wright came to America when he was three and was raised in a family with eight other children.

Although he was raised in a large family, Wright said all the children were given equal

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BEN WRIGHT

attention.

"My parents said if I ever had questions I could come to them, and I do," Wright talks to his parents once a week by phone or e-mail while he's in Charleston.

Communication for Wright isn't as hard as one might think.

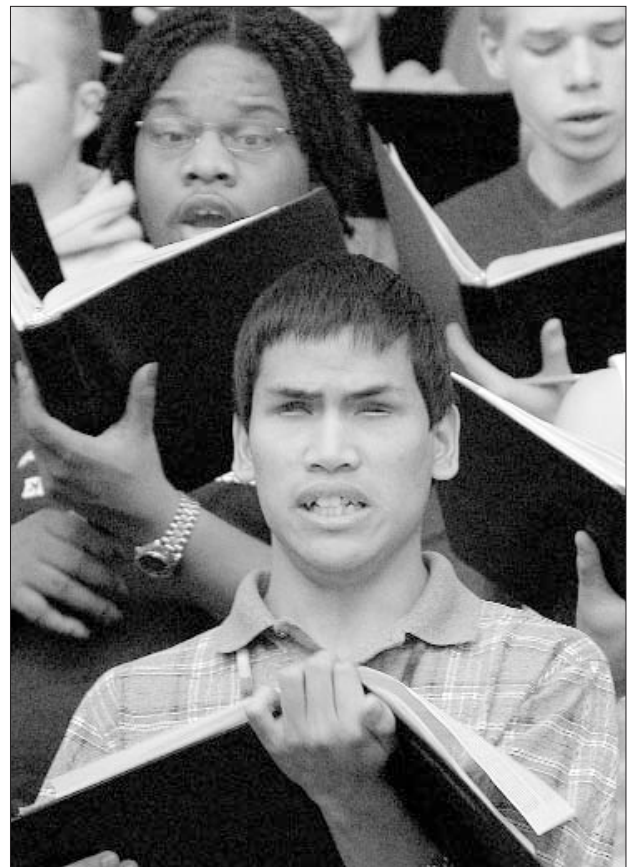
"I use a phone just like anyone else and have a computer that reads aloud what I have typed on the screen," Wright said.

Some other tools Wright uses on a daily basis are a walking cane that folds up when he is not using it and a stopwatch.

The stopwatch gives an audible signal of the time and date, allows him to set alarms to wake up, get to class and go home. He said his watch helps him be on time for all of the activities he is involved in at Eastern.

Singing in Eastern's choir, reading, attending church and listening to movies are just a few of Wright's hobbies that keep him busy.

"Ben provides inspiration to the whole ensemble," said Richard Rossi, director of orchestral and choral activities. He is always prepared, enthusiastic and is a charmer."



COLIN McAULIFFE/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Ben Wright sings Monday afternoon during choral practice. Wright doesn't let his blindness affect many of the activities he is involved in at Eastern.

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## FIVE-DAY OUTLOOK

**TODAY**  
**67**  
56  
Cloudy

**THURSDAY**  
**67**  
48  
Late showers

**FRIDAY**  
**59**  
49  
Showers

**SATURDAY**  
**60**  
39  
Showers

**SUNDAY**  
**50**  
31  
Showers

## PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

### Children's characters unite for diversity

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK - Look out kids. SpongeBob SquarePants, Barney and Clifford the Big Red Dog are joining forces to rerecord the disco tune "We Are Family" to promote diversity and tolerance in classrooms.

A video starring the three children's characters plus nearly 100 others, including Dora the Explorer and Arthur, will be distributed to 61,000 public and private elementary schools nationwide, along with lesson plans for teachers. It will air simultaneously on Nickelodeon, the Public Broadcasting Service and the Disney Channel in March.

"This is an unprecedented event. For the first time characters from all of the important kids shows came together to appear in the same video," said video producer Christopher Cerf. "The producers and performers from each show embraced the spirit and message of this project."

### PHELPS SPREADS HIS SOBER MESSAGE

NEW YORK - Michael Phelps wants to spread the word: Don't drink and drive.

"The mistake that I made is a big mistake," the Olympic champion said on NBC's "Today" show. "This is something that - every single morning I wake up and I look at myself in the mirror and I have to live with the mistake that I made."

The 19-year-old swimming sensation was stopped by a state trooper this month after running a stop sign near Salisbury, Md., according to police. He was charged with driving under the influence, driving while impaired, violation of a license restriction and failure to obey a stop sign. Maryland's drinking age is 21.

"A goal that I have right now is to try to reach out to many kids or many young adults who even think about making the same mistake," Phelps said Monday. "It's not right to do it once. It's not OK if you get by with doing it and sneaking out of it. It's not OK at all. It's extremely unacceptable and it's very dangerous."

### SOCCER BEATS OUT PINK PANTHER

MADRID, Spain - Soccer is still No. 1 for David Beckham.

Beckham said he had turned down a part in "The Pink Panther," a prequel to the 1964 film made famous by Peter Sellers. The new movie, to be released next summer, stars Steve Martin as Inspector Clouseau. It is to be set around the murder of a soccer coach, according to the film's Web site.

"I've never said that I wanted to go into movies. I've been offered a couple of things like 'The Pink Panther,' but my football comes first," Beckham said at a news conference Monday. "It was quite a good part apparently."

## COIN COLLECTORS



CARRIE HOLLIS/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Bridget Ryan, a freshman undecided major, watches as Kim Larson, a freshman special education major, pours in change donated for the Christmas angels in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Tuesday evening. The group's goal is to raise \$300 to bring a brighter Christmas for needy children in the community.

## WTF?

### Holy grilled cheese sandwich for sale on eBay

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

MIAMI - The Internet auction house eBay Inc. reversed itself Tuesday and is allowing bids for half of a 10-year-old grilled cheese sandwich that its owner says bears the image of the Virgin Mary.

Diana Duyser, of Hollywood, put the sandwich up for sale last week, drawing bids as high as \$22,000 before eBay pulled the item Sunday night. The page was viewed almost 100,000 times before being taken down.

An e-mail Duyser received from eBay said the sandwich broke its policy, which "does not allow listings that

are intended as jokes."

But Duyser, a work-from-home jewelry designer who has bought and sold items on eBay for two years, said the grilled cheese wasn't a joke.

The auction was back on Tuesday afternoon with a top bid of \$5,100. The winning bidder also has to pay \$9.95 for shipping. In mocking response, two similar items were later posted - grilled cheese sandwiches bearing the images of the Virgin Mary's used gum and Mary Kate and Ashley Olsen.

A phone message left with San Jose, Calif.-based eBay was not immediately returned Tuesday.

## TODAY'S EVENTS

<b>STUDY ABROAD FIRST STEP</b>	1 P.M.	<b>UNIVERSITY UNION, SULLIVAN ROOM</b>
Important to students interested in studying abroad	Contact Elise Lyons at 581 3390 for more info	
<b>ETHICS TRAINING</b>	3 P.M.	<b>NINTH STREET HALL, BASEMENT COMPUTER LAB</b>
Last day to complete mandatory online ethics training for all state employees		
<b>YOUTH THEATRE TOUR SHOW</b>	7 P.M.	<b>THE VILLAGE THEATRE</b>
One night only performance of play for elementary children	Contact J. Sain at 581 3110 for more info	

## TOMORROW'S EVENTS

<b>WebCT Help Session</b>	1 P.M.	<b>McAfee, CATS TRAINING LAB ROOM 1214</b>
For anyone with further questions about WebCT		
<b>RHA MEETING</b>	5 P.M.	<b>ANDREWS HALL BASEMENT</b>
Discussion of Residence Hall issues		

## ONLINE POLL

This week we ask our readers how they feel about the results of the presidential election, now that 12 days have gone by since the reelection of President George W. Bush

- A) I'm satisfied with the results.
- B) The wrong candidate won.
- C) I'm apathetic.

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# Faculty Senate trying to get women out of the basement

BY BRIAN O'MALLEY  
STAFF WRITER

The Faculty Senate Tuesday discussed the possibility of a forum to be held next semester that would cover issues regarding international and women's studies and a campus daycare.

Senate Member John Allison proposed the motion to hold the forum on Feb. 1 to get the opinions of students and faculty members on the topics.

"It would be a good idea to encourage some Student Senate and student support," Allison said. "These are topics that faculty and students should have something to say about."

Eastern instructor Diana Slaviero came to speak with the senate about the enhancement of the women's studies program.

"Right now we're in the middle of figuring out if a women's studies major is needed," Slaviero said. "Those are the kinds of things we're discussing."

The current women's studies office is located in the Stevenson Hall basement, which is where a non-student male was found residing last fall semester.

"We were rather horrified to learn about his presence there," she said. "We have a bit of an issue in terms of visibility."

Senate Member John Pommier said the women's studies office shouldn't be buried on the bottom floor of Stevenson Hall.

"It's scary having an office down there," Pommier said. "I'd rather have my legs shaved than have an office there."

Senate member Reed Benedict said the forum wouldn't solve many problems because everyone would agree with each other.

"Of course, everybody's going to want to get women's studies out of the basement. Who wouldn't?" Benedict said. The senate also discussed future topics for a faculty forum.

Bud Fischer, senate member and chair of the faculty committee forum, said Allison's forum proposal's topic is too specific for everyone to discuss.

"I'm just trying to make it broader," Fischer said. "I agree with what everyone's saying, but we need to stay away from specifics."

Faculty Senate Chair David Carpenter said the forum has been discussed for more than a month.



LINDSEY CHOI/THE DAILY EASTERN NEWS

Julia Abell, Director of the Institutional Studies Office talks to the faculty senate Tuesday afternoon.

"I'm interested to know what we can do with this forum," Carpenter said.

Women's studies is an 18-hour minor and has been available for several years.

Slaviero said there were 23 women's studies minors last semester and 14 currently, all of them women.

Senate Member Wilson Ogbomo said his

African American studies course had an increase in diversity when the class was made a general education option for students. He said women's studies could use that treatment.

The Faculty Senate will again meet at 2 p.m. Nov. 30 in Booth Library Conference Room 4440.

## HOMECOMING COMMITTEE

### Looking for a few good members

BY LAURA GRIFFITH  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

Students who want to get involved in next year's Homecoming Committee can apply to take a position this week.

"This year we want to branch out and have representatives from all over the campus apply," said Krissi Griffin, homecoming coordinator for 2005. "In the past, it has been mostly Greeks, which is not a bad thing, but Homecoming is an entire campus event, so students from all over campus should help plan it."

Several positions involving the planning and organization of different homecoming events for 2005 are open, and applications will be taken until 4 p.m. on Friday in the Student Activities Center.

Community relations is a position that deals with events like the Dance-a-Thon, Griffin said. Panther Pride organizes competitions such as Yell Like Hell and Who Wants to Be a Mascot? The Kickoff chair handles tailgating near O'Brien Stadium before the homecoming football game.

For students more interested in letting the public know about the events and getting the information out to the public, the publicity position is also open.

There is an activities chair who is in charge of organizing Fun Games and window painting in the MLK Jr. University Union, Griffin said. The election's chair conducts interviews for the homecoming court and judges the candidates for king, queen, prince and princess. The Booklet chair designs and produces the coronation booklet people receive upon arrival to the coronation ceremony.

The Coronation chair actually plans coronation, decorates the auditorium, puts together everyone's applications for homecoming court and tells the candidates what they need to do and where they need to be during the ceremony, said Jenn Grim, one of the coronation chairs for Homecoming 2004.

The applications should be placed in the homecoming chair's mailbox in the Student Activities Center. When turning in an application, interested students must sign up for an interview, which will take place during the Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday after Thanksgiving break.

## CITY COUNCIL

### Consolidated now in cable race

BY MICHAEL SCHROEDER  
CITY EDITOR

The Charleston City Council voted to authorize Consolidated Communications to enter the cable television market last night at the council meeting.

The contract, which will run until November of 2016, calls for Consolidated Communications to provide cable to the entire city. The council passed the authorization 4-0 with Council member Larry Rennels abstaining because his private business is involved with cable TV, which he said raised a possible conflict of interest.

Charleston Mayor Dan Coughill said the cable will be implemented to the city in three phases. The first phase will be available at the end of this year or the beginning of next year. The final two phases will be available by May 2005, he said. Coughill said the phases are not three distinct areas of the city. Some customers will get partial service during the first phase and complete service by May, Coughill said.

A representative from Consolidated Communications explained they will fulfill the contract

and have cable offered to the entire city by May of 2005.

The council also approved the donation of a railcar tanker from the Dow Chemical Company to the fire department to be used for hazardous material training.

"It will allow us to continue to professionalize the department with hazardous material (prevention) and spillings with train accidents," Coughill said.

Council Member Lorelei Sims asked about the cost of transporting the rail car from Dow Chemical to the fire department's training facility. However, Charleston Fire Chief Darrell Nees said he does not expect the cost to be too high. He said he expects the fire department to hire out a local contractor to move the car.

Coughill also announced the city will hold the sixth annual retreat this Thursday and Friday at CCAR Industries. The retreat, which is open to the public, will allow the city to analyze what it has done in the past year and what it plans on doing in the upcoming year.

Following the meeting the council retired to executive session to discuss personal matters.

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### COLUMN

## There are worse problems than hair



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When I was in elementary school, I had an extreme friend who did all sorts of wild things with his hair, whether it was dying it or cutting it in all kinds of unimaginable ways.

None of the students or teachers seemed to be distracted by what Frank's hair looked like when he showed up to school each day.

Some thought it looked bad, some liked it and others just really didn't care. But any way of looking at it, it was his decision on how he styled his hair no matter how goofy he looked.

This same sort of issue has been brought up in Charleston by a fourth grader at Jefferson Elementary School.

According to an article in the *Times-Courier*, Jason Herendeen came to school with his normal mohawk style hair, but this time it was colored.

The article stated that Herendeen had worn his hair in that fashion since the second grade but did not get reprimanded for it until it was colored.

Oh no! A kid dyes his hair blue or red. Somebody send him to the bathroom to wash it out.

And that is exactly what school officials did. They said it was distracting to the other students' learning environment. I can't

**“I can’t say I struggled with my multiplication and division tables because the kid in front of me had a unique hairstyle.”**

say I struggled with my multiplication and division tables because the kid in front of me had a unique hairstyle. An event that happened almost a month ago has kept the fourth grader at home getting home-schooled by his mother. Why is it a student should be pushed out of a more adequate learning environment for something as tiny as hair color?

This is nothing more than a kid who is trying to be an individual and express himself. It should be the child's choice how his hair looks. It's actually pretty harmless when looking at it as an outside source.

Letting children rebel in somewhere as small as hair would be better than the children rebelling because people won't let them be who they want to be.

I can understand someone having to change clothes if there are obscene words or meanings on a T-shirt or sent to the principal's for using foul language, but hair, come on.

Now this child is brought out of a learning environment that features interaction with other students, which is a fundamental process for young children. Officials should have looked beyond the hair and into what really matters.

Aren't there other problems with younger kids today and their expression of themselves? Just taking discussions out of my human sexuality class, I could think of a few.

A girl can wear a short skirt these days with no problems while a boy gets sent to the bathroom because of colored hair.

Girls are dressing as if they are 10 years older than what they are, and nobody seems to care. Now that is a problem worth talking about.

Many years later I bet Frank is doing just fine with whatever hairstyle he has. He was allowed to be himself, and nobody had any problems with it.

### EDITORIAL CARTOON BY JOAQUIN OCHOA



### EDITORIAL

## Address the important issues

Student Senate should be devoting more time to ask students questions on campus issues with more academic value rather than polling students at the Union on bar hours.

Student Body President Chris Getty said the reason for pursuing the bar issue is because senate believes it is something students would like to see happen, and students on senate who have worked toward the extension are not ready to give up.

The questions in the survey ask whether or not a change in hours would decrease after-hour parties, help keep students in Charleston, which would contribute to local businesses, and also if students currently drive to other counties or campuses.

Spending time on a dead issue like bar hours when a better issue is out there is unproductive and an inefficient use of time. Working on the dead issue can imply or mislead students that the senate is taking an easy way out of their duties by approaching the bar issue again instead of researching a new issue.

Surveying students with questions can be beneficial with appropriate subject matter. It is the responsibility of student senators to be the voice of students, which they are attempting with the surveys by making an effort to work with students by asking for feedback about the issue, but this particular agenda is not worthwhile. Looking into athletic fees is

#### At issue

Student Senate pressing bar hour issues.

#### Our stance

Though intentions are good, senate needs to put time into something the whole of the student body can benefit from.

an example of a worthwhile matter handled well last semester.

Similarly, former Student Body President Caleb Judy took such consideration in two fee increase motions passed by senate, which he believed not everyone knew what the motions involved, that he used his power to veto.

Working toward the completion of Doudna is a more worthy cause that Student Senate can work for this semester.

After Eastern received approval from the Capitol Development Board, the project become under the control of the state. The Student Senate could be spending its time trying to encourage

state officials to get construction moving.

Not everyone has the opportunity to benefit from the bar hour issue. Not everyone has the opportunity to attend bars; however, everyone does have the opportunity to attend performances at Doudna.

A lack of time could also hamper the progress of the issue. To propose, discuss, put information out for public discussion and vote on the issue would be at least a six-week process. This process would take up a majority of the semester and could leave unfinished business over the summer.

*The editorial is the majority opinion of  
The Daily Eastern News editorial board.*

## YOUR TURN: LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

### MORE RESEARCH SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE ON ROTC

As a junior and an ROTC cadet, I believe the Nov. 10 columnist should do some research before writing such a strong opinion. First of all, she has to realize that most of the freshmen and sophomore cadets are in a military presence for only an average of three hours a week.

While in Basic and AIT, an enlisted soldier is in a military presence for more than 80 hours per week, and the first

three weeks of that is called "total control," where you don't lose the drill sergeant presence at all.

Also, if she would have done a little research before shooting off at the hip she would have found out that 67 percent of the juniors and seniors have either been to basic, working with a national guard unit or were prior service with an active duty unit like myself.

I served four years and five months in the active duty Army as an Infantry soldier, so if there is anyone that should have a problem with the student wear of the

uniform, it's me.

However, I understand the inner workings of the program, and clearly she does not. These students are also just that, students, like any other in the university.

My last point is that in the military there is something called general military authority in which anyone can perform an on-the-spot correction to anyone else. If she witnessed these problems why did she not exercise this authority and correct it?

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## CITY NEWS

## Bucket Brigade aids Charleston in race for Home Town

By MICHAEL SCHROEDER  
CITY EDITOR

Illinois has awarded Charleston the Governor's Home Town Award in recognition of the bucket brigade program, which is now known as Panther Service Day.

The brigade was started in Spring 2003 by Alison Mormino, who was the student body president at that time. With help from Sherman-Williams paint store, Eastern students worked together to paint local homes, Mormino, who now works as legislative aid for the Illinois House Democrats.

In the end, that spring day resulted in 150 students painting seven area homes.

Eastern President Lou Hencken said he was proud of the accomplishment made by those 150 students and glad to see them and the university recognized by the Illinois Department of Commerce and Economic Opportunity.

"(We) need to have a working relationship between EIU students and the Charleston community," he said. "It's good for the community to see the good students do."

Hencken said much like the Special Olympics where 600 students volunteered, it was good Eastern students were able to do something for the community that will make a difference.

"A few years ago (students) went out and picked up trash, but the trash was back," Hencken said. "This will have a lasting affect."

Charleston Mayor Dan Coughill also was proud of the accomplishments made by the students to help build a positive relationship between the city and Eastern.

Mormino said one of the reasons she started the bucket brigade was in response to the poor actions of some students at that Fall's Homecoming Parade. Mormino said that relationship is important and encouraged students to participate in similar projects to continue to build it.

Last year, then Student Body President Caleb Judy, expanded the "bucket brigade" to Panther Service Day. Mormino said she has worked to continue the project with others.

The street sign recognizing the award currently sits in the city's administration office, while Hencken and Coughill order another sign. Coughill said the signs will be placed on Lincoln Avenue by the Worthington Inn and on the other side of town on Route 130.

He said the signs also need to be given to the city's sign department to have the lettering explaining the award placed on it.



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Naveed Baqir, a business administration major and muslim student at Eastern, informs students and faculty about the Islamic religion and culture Monday afternoon in the Charleston/Mattoon room of the MLK Jr. University Union.

## Panel discusses Islamic culture, religion

By OLA MOHAMMAD  
STAFF WRITER

Eastern students got a chance to learn about the Islamic religion Tuesday afternoon.

"There are 12 to 15 international Eastern Muslim students who are full-time," said Mahmood Butt, department chair of secondary education and foundation.

A question and answer session following the panel discussion took place at 2:30 p.m. in the Charleston/Mattoon Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Each member of the panel talked about his or her own experience with coming to Eastern.

The panel taught the audience about the four topics concerning Islam, which are Islam and Jesus, the Five Pillars of Islam, women in Islam and personal experience as Muslims.

Islam is one of the largest religions in the world, Butt said.

Also part of the panel were Naveed Baqir, a graduate assistant in the school of business, and Baqir's wife, Amna Latif, who all took part in explaining what each of the topics meant.

To be a Muslim means to submit to the will of the Muslim god, Allah, Butt said.

Butt said the Quran is the book of guidance and fundamentals of the Islamic religion.

Latif spoke about women in Islam from her own experience.

She said Islamic law guarantees rights to women, including the right to own property and marriage rights and has more than 1,400 years ago.

Muslim women must wear a long dress and a scarf that covers their hair out of respect for themselves and to Allah, Latif said.


### Islamic Discussion

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"This is the largest forum that we've ever had," said Bill Elliott, director of international admissions.

The event, which was sponsored by the international program's office and the Diversity Affairs Committee, was a success according to International Student Adviser Sue Songer.

"Seeing the room overflowing with EIU students encourages me that EIU is achieving its mission statement of global citizenship," Songer said.





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## Help for unhealthy eaters

By LAURA GRIFFITH  
ACTIVITIES EDITOR

The stress of college and being away from home for the first time can lead students to harmful and unhealthy eating habits.

Eating disorders can range from small problems with a diet to bulimia, anorexia and overeating.

"The number of students that are seeking help with an eating disorder has increased in the past three or four years," said Melanie Burns, an associate family and consumer sciences professor.

Nutrition Education Coordinator Amanda Goetze sometimes sees students referred to her by doctors in health services when there seems to be a need to assess the student's diet to identify a possible eating disorder.

Goetze has students fill out forms giving her consent to analyze their diet. Students then fill out an information packet concerning their height, weight and other important facts that could contribute to an accurate diagnosis. Students also fill out a three-day food record so Goetze can look at their diet and discuss exercise habits.

The purpose of the three-day food record is to "see how their eating compares to what's recommended for them," Goetze said. "Most of the people that I see are generally not eating enough."

Some people who have lost some control in their life decide to exert that control over their diet, Goetze said. They control what, if and when they eat and whether to purge their food. Purging is not only limited to vomiting and excessive use of laxatives, but

### Healthy Eating Workshop

- ◆ **Who:** Brenda Crawford
- ◆ **What:** Workshop about eating disorders
- ◆ **When:** 7:30 p.m. Tonight
- ◆ **Where:** Effingham Room of the MLK Jr. University Union
- ◆ **Why:** To educate students about eating disorders and what to do to find help

also involves compulsive exercise, where students exercise for "several hours a day and are burning extreme numbers of calories during exercise," Burns said.

Eastern also has an eating disorders treatment team. Burns is the registered dietitian on the team. Burns' job is to analyze the nutritional content of a student's diet and to discuss feelings and eating habits with that student. Then, Burns and the student discuss eating and exercise plans for the future.

"Usually at the same time, (doctors are) referring the student to the counseling center, as well," Goetze said.

The counseling center offers free self-help brochures involving eating disorders, free workshops and counseling to people who suffer from eating disorders.

Brenda Crawford, a faculty assistant at the Counseling Center, will give a workshop at 7:30 p.m. tonight in the Effingham Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union that will aim to educate students about eating disorders and what they can do to find help.

## Bush names Rice to be secretary of state, America's 'face to the world'

ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON - President Bush on Tuesday picked National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, who once tutored him on global affairs, to be his top diplomat, saying her foreign-policy experience and struggle against racism uniquely qualified her to be America's "face to the world" as secretary of state.

"In Dr. Rice, the world will see the strength, the grace and the decency of our country," Bush said.

Rice will face major challenges across the foreign policy spectrum, trying to advance peace between Israel and the Palestinians, foster democracy in Iraq and persuade North Korea and Iran to step back from suspected nuclear-weapons programs. She is considered more of a hard-liner than Secretary of State Colin Powell, who was out of step with more hawkish members of Bush's national security team.

In a Roosevelt Room announcement, Bush made plain that terrorism and the Middle East conflict topped his list of foreign-policy priorities. Rice's eyes welled with tears as the president cited her "deep, abiding belief in the value and power of liberty, because she has seen freedom denied and freedom reborn."

Bush also chose longtime domestic policy adviser Margaret Spellings to replace Rod Paige as education secre-

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tary, administration officials said. Spellings helped shape Bush's school agenda when he was Texas governor and again when he assumed the presidency.

Rice, who would be the first black woman to serve as secretary of state, was somewhat sheltered as a youngster in Alabama from the racial conflicts and segregation of the South. Her school teacher parents guided her into ballet, piano and French studies; her mother bought all her Girl Scout cookies so she wouldn't have to go door-to-door. But when she was 9, a bomb exploded at a Baptist church a few miles away, killing four black girls, one of them a schoolmate.

"As a girl in the segregated South, Dr. Rice saw the promise of America violated by racial discrimination and by the violence that comes from hate," Bush said. "But she was taught by her mother, Angelina, and her father, the Rev. John Rice, that human dignity is the gift of God and that the ideals of America would overcome oppression."

Rice was careful to say nothing about how she would oversee the State Department, its nearly 30,000 employees and its 265 posts around the world.

In a statement read from a prepared text, she confined her remarks to heaping praise on Bush and Powell.

"It is humbling to imagine succeeding my dear friend and mentor, Colin Powell. He is one of the finest public servants our nation has ever produced," Rice said.

KERRY ON 2008: 'NOT  
OPENING ANY DOORS, NOT  
SHUTTING ANY DOORS'

WASHINGTON - Sen. John Kerry, who has \$45 million left from his record-breaking Democratic campaign, hinted on Tuesday that he may try again for the presidency.

On his first workday back in the Senate since losing his White House bid, Kerry remained far from the spotlight, granting interviews to hometown reporters and joining the depleted corps of Democrats as they elected the party's new Senate leaders.

In his first extensive interview since his Nov. 2 defeat, Kerry was asked by the Fox News affiliate in Boston about running again in 2008 and reminded the questioner that Ohio is still counting votes from 2004.

He then said, "It is so premature to be thinking about something that far down the road. What I've said is I'm not opening any doors, I'm not shutting any doors." Kerry added, "If there's a next time, we'll do a better job. We'll see."

Reflecting on his loss, Kerry said he was not sitting around thinking about it. "You've got to go on," he said. "Do I find it some mark of failure or distress, the answer is no."

The former presidential nominee described himself as a "fighter," and added, "I can envision a lot of years of fight ahead of me."

In an interview with WCVB-TV, Kerry said, "Fifty-thousand votes we'd be in a different place, having a different conversation," a reference to Ohio, which decided the race.

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# Key terror witness sets himself afire

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — A man who set himself on fire in front of the White House this week was a key witness against a sheik accused of funneling millions of dollars to al-Qaida and the Palestinian Islamic group Hamas, defense lawyers said Tuesday.

Defense attorneys said Mohamed Alanssi is a confidential informant central to the prosecution of Sheikh Ali Hassan al-Moayad, a leading member of an Islamic-oriented political party in Yemen who is awaiting trial in federal court in New York. He and his assistant allegedly conspired to provide material support to Osama bin Laden and the Hamas.

Alanssi sent suicide notes Monday morning to his FBI handler and a Washington Post reporter, complaining about his treatment by the government and threatening that he would burn himself in an "unexpected place."

He arrived at the White House gate later that day with a letter addressed to President Bush, pulled a lighter from his pocket and set his clothing ablaze. He was hospitalized in serious condition Tuesday.

Federal prosecutors and the FBI declined to comment on the case. But attorneys for al-Moayad and his co-defendant, Mohammed Mohsen Yahya Zayed, said Tuesday they believe the government case was seriously weakened by the incident and Alanssi's suicide notes. The newspaper published Alanssi's letters on its Web site.

Alanssi, a 52-year-old Virginia resident, wrote to FBI agent Robert Fuller in New York complaining that the agent had ignored Alanssi's request to visit his ailing wife and family in Yemen. He threatened not to testify against al-Moayad as a result. He wrote the Post that he was afraid the government might jail and torture him if he stopped cooperating.

## FILM INDUSTRY FILES FIRST WAVE OF ANTI-PIRACY LAWSUITS

LOS ANGELES — A trade group representing seven major movie studios filed a first wave of lawsuits against individuals they say are offering pirated copies of films using Internet-based peer-to-peer file-sharing programs.

As part of a larger effort to combat piracy, The Motion Picture Association of America also said it would soon make available a computer program that sniffs out movie and music files on a user's computer as well as any installed file-sharing programs.

The MPAA announced the federal court suits Tuesday, but did not say how many

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defendants were sued or where the lawsuits were filed. The group also did not immediately make available a copy of the complaint.

One lawsuit, obtained by The Associated Press, targets 18 individuals and was filed in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri in St. Louis.

Other lawsuits are believed to have been filed in New York, Philadelphia and other areas with large concentrations of high-speed Internet customers. Such connections are required to download the massive movie files.

The St. Louis lawsuit is brought against "John Doe" defendants, including four people who are allegedly in possession of one pirated film each. Some of the Internet addresses for the defendants can be traced to high-speed Internet connections made available by Charter Communications, a cable television company based in St. Louis.

## NASA 'SCRAMJET' MAKES HISTORIC HYPERSONIC FLIGHT

LOS ANGELES — A tiny unmanned NASA "scramjet" soared above the Pacific Ocean Tuesday at nearly 10 times the speed of sound, or almost 7,000 mph, in a record-breaking demonstration of a radical new engine technology.

The 12-foot-long X-43A supersonic combustion ramjet flew at about Mach 9.6 or slightly higher, said research engineer Randy Voland, leader of the scramjet propulsion team at NASA's Dryden Flight Research Center at Edwards Air Force Base.

The exotic aircraft flew under its own power for about 10 seconds after separating from a booster rocket at 111,000 feet, then glided to a splash landing about 800 miles offshore. Analysis of data to determine the exact performance will take several months, but mission officials were jubilant.

"Once again we made aviation history. We did that in March when we went seven times the speed of sound and now we've done it right around 10 times the speed of sound," said Vince Rausch, Hyper-X program manager from NASA's Langley Research Center in Virginia.

The X-43A, mounted on a Pegasus rocket used to boost it to flight speed, was carried under the wing of a B-52 aircraft and released at an altitude of 40,000 feet over a test range off the Southern California coast. The rocket motor then fired for a 90-second ascent.

## SPECTER WINS HATCH SUPPORT FOR PANEL CHAIRMANSHIP

WASHINGTON — Sen. Arlen Specter gained ground Tuesday toward winning the Senate Judiciary Committee chairmanship, which was thrown into doubt after he said judges who oppose abortion rights would face confirmation problems.

"I expect him to have the support of the committee," the panel's current chairman, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, said after a closed-door meeting of its 10 Republican members.

Specter, a moderate GOP senator from Pennsylvania who just won election to his fifth term, sought the meeting after social conservatives opposed to abortion mounted a campaign to deny him the job of guiding possible Supreme Court nominees — as well as lower court nominees — to confirmation.

"Nobody in the meeting was against Arlen," Hatch told reporters, with Specter at his side. "Senator Specter handled himself very well and frankly, I'm for him, as I should be."

Despite picking up the crucial support Tuesday, Specter stopped short of declaring victory.

"No chickens have hatched, and I don't count any chickens until they're hatched," he said. "But with (Sen.) Hatch beside me, I'm a little less unconfident."

## WASHINGTON PATIENTLY AWAITS NEW GOVERNOR

OLYMPIA, Wash. — Two weeks after the election, Washington state still doesn't have a new governor. And voters are weathering the suspense the way Seattle residents shrug off the rain.

"People in this part of the world tend to be rather pleasant. They expect people to be civil in the way they behave," said Ken Hoover, a political scientist at Western Washington University. "New York, this isn't. That's why people like to live here."

The vote-counting is still going on. As of Tuesday night, Republican real estate agent Dino Rossi led by just 19 votes out of 2.8 million cast. Rossi had 1,367,365 votes to Democratic Attorney General Christine Gregoire's 1,367,346.

Across the state, about 6,000 votes remained to be counted. Of the four counties with the most votes outstanding, two favor Rossi and two Gregoire.

Democrats scored a victory on Tuesday when a judge rejected the state Republican Party's attempt to stop King County from counting hundreds of provisional ballots. Party leaders sniped at one another, but even their hickering conveyed a sense of superiority to other, messier election dramas.

## STATE BRIEFS

## Cops taking 5th Amendment in Chicago police torture lawsuit

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CHICAGO — More than two dozen current and former police officials and homicide detectives have taken the 5th Amendment when questioned in a civil lawsuit alleging that Chicago police used torture when interrogating suspects, attorneys said Tuesday.

Attorneys for two former death row inmates told U.S. Magistrate Judge Geraldine Soat Brown that the former detectives and officials have refused to testify because they are covering up the use of torture by police.

"Twenty-eight former deputy superintendents and other officials in the police department have all taken the 5th Amendment," attorney G. Flint Taylor told the court.

The disclosure came at a hearing in a suit filed by former inmate Madison Hobley. He claims he was tortured into confessing to a murder he didn't commit and is seeking millions of dollars in damages.

The judge agreed with attorneys for the former officers who sought to bar lawyers for Hobley and another former inmate, Aaron Patterson, from making public transcripts and videotapes of depositions at which the detectives and officials took the 5th Amendment.

## LAWMAKERS OVERRIDE VETO, APPROVE BILL PROTECTING GUN OWNERS

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Rejecting the governor's veto, Illinois lawmakers overwhelmingly voted to give new legal protection to homeowners who use a banned handgun to shoot burglars.

The House voted 85-30 Tuesday to override Governor Rod Blagojevich's veto. The Senate had approved the bill earlier, so it now becomes law.

The legislation applies only in specific and uncommon circumstances, but it became a symbol in the tug-of-war over gun control.

The bill's supporters saw it as a statement of support for the basic concept that people should be able to defend themselves in their own homes. Opponents viewed it as an attempt to undercut local gun laws.

It was inspired by the case of Hale DeMar, a Wilmette restaurant owner who shot a burglar who had broken into his home twice. County prosecutors declined to press charges for the shooting, but Wilmette officials charged DeMar with breaking the city's ban on handguns.

Under the new state law, someone who shoots an intruder on his or her property could not be convicted of violating a local gun ban. The new law does not, however, prevent state charges if prosecutors believe the shooting itself was a crime.

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14 Like crazy

15 Cordial flavoring

16 With the bow, in music

17 "Kiss Me Kate" co-star, 1953

19 Time for a revolution

20 One of the Fab Four

21 State nicknamed "Small Wonder"

23 Midwest flash point

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27 The Red Baron, e.g.

30 "Diner" actor

36 Press for payment

37 What well-thrown

44-Across do

38 This is one

39 Parasite supporter

41 Cambridge univ.

42 Seek food, perhaps

43 Sequel novel to "Typee"

44 Hail Marys, e.g.

47 Part of D.J.I.A.

48 1945 Peace Nobelist

50 Med. specialty

51 Certain investment, for short

52 "La Vie en Rose" singer

54 Chinese potable

59 Driving hazard

63 Sit around

64 Utah senator

67 The Pointer Sisters' "\_\_\_ Excited"

68 Painted arch

69 Cut back

70 "Cold one"

71 Having bumps

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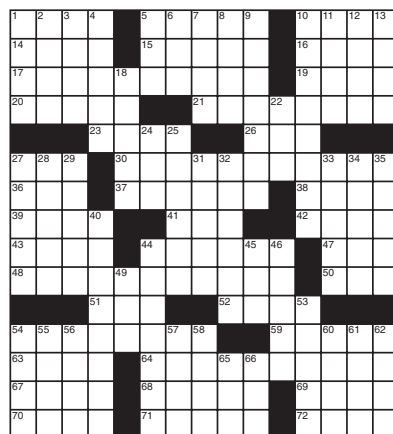
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Jenny Zielezinski, a junior elementary education major, sits by Wright in the choir and has known him for one year.

"He shows me how dedicated he is to music," Zielezinski said. "I have learned to not take things for granted and feel I am lucky to know him."

Wright sings tenor and has been a part of Eastern's chorus for two years. Wright also attends the Christian Campus House, a church on Eastern's campus, where he enjoys singing and listening to sermons each Sunday.

"I think non-Christians see how real his relationship with God is, and Christians are encouraged simply because he lives for God in dynamic ways and does not let his blindness get in the way," said Roger Songer, campus minister for Christian Campus House.

Much like the present, Wright doesn't plan to let his blindness hold him back from things he wants to do in the future.

He talks of one day skydiving from an airplane.

"I think it would be such an adrenaline rush to parachute or jump out of a plane," Wright said. "I like thrills like roller coasters and things that go fast."

Wright has experienced a similar adrenaline rush when a friend let him drive a car in Chicago last fall.

"I told my friend I had never driven a car, so he took me to his old high school, and I drove the car on a driver's education road

## "I think it would be such an adrenaline rush to parachute or jump out of a plane."

BEN WRIGHT

and flooded it," Wright said.

Wright said his friend was nervous because he did not know how to use the brakes very well, but both had a fun time.

Although Wright likes to have fun, he also knows when it's time to hit the books.

Wright has textbooks that come in audio versions, and his friends read other books to him.

Not only is Wright busy with schoolwork, he reads a Bible written in Braille that has 37 volumes.

"The bible takes up a whole bed. That's why I don't have a roommate," Wright said jokingly.

Wright will graduate from Eastern next year and attend seminary to become a pastor.

"I woke up one morning and told my parents I wanted to be a pastor," he said.

Wright's plans to become a fully ordained pastor in a Methodist church and help others understand Christianity.

Wright dreams of moving to Miami, finding a wife and having children, but for now he walks around campus looking to find new friends.

"I get bored easily, so I take walks. I am always looking for a new friend," Wright said.

## MARKET:

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employers.

She cited accounting, customer service, economics and finance as areas where students commonly have an easier time finding available jobs.

The Job Outlook Survey cited engineering, marketing and business as other areas where students can look to find employment.

The survey also reported about 61 percent of employers said they planned to hire more college graduates from the class of 2004-2005 than they did in previous years.

"I believe our placement figures will be up," Kingery said of Eastern's graduates. "But a lot of that depends on how soon students work towards finding a position."

Kingery said the increase in job demand is good but still not as high as it could be.

"Although the job market is improving, it's still not as high as it was in 2000," she said.

## "I believe our placement figures will be up."

BOBBI KINGERY, CAREER ADVISER

Students must start looking for jobs early, she said.

"Some (seniors) are incredibly behind because we're trying to get students to think about this as soon as their freshman year so they will have more experience," she said. "They've got to come back to campus in January and jump in with two feet."

Kingery said students, especially seniors, need to work on putting a resume together, take advantage of the job fairs Eastern offers, keep in touch with the career services office and utilize other resources the university makes available.

"(Employers) want the whole package: a student with strong grades, actively involved in extracurriculars and at least an internship or job-related experience," she said.

## EDUCATION:

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The latest numbers are for students who entered the school in the fall of 1996, and those results show 59 percent of students graduated in six years, she said.

Abell said this is better than the average because the state graduation rate is 58 percent, and the national rate is 54 percent.

"Most students receive a bachelor's degree

from the university," said Jerilyn Hutson, assistant director of alumni relations.

Hutson said Eastern graduates approximately 2,800 to 3,000 students each year. In last year's commencement, 1,200 degrees were earned, and nearly three-fourths of those were bachelor's degrees.

"We continually are usually second in the state with graduation rate. University of Illinois is always first, and then Eastern," Abell said.

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## MEN'S SOCCER



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Junior forward Jimmy Klatter (right) keeps the ball away from Bradley junior defender Doron Swaby Oct. 1 at Lakeside Field. Klatter was named to the All-Missouri Valley Conference First Team this week, after he enjoyed his best season in a Panther uniform.

## Klatter and company gather some hardware

By ADAM DREMAK  
SPORTS REPORTER

This season the Eastern men's soccer team had three players recognized in the Missouri Valley Conference despite the team finishing near the bottom of the conference in standings.

Jimmy Klatter, who was picked in the pre-season as a first team All-MVC selection, lived up to his expectations as he finished the season among the top in conference in points scored, thus earning first team honors.

The previous two seasons Klatter finished All-MVC honorable mention. With another season left Klatter will look to improve and hopefully be able to lead the Panthers to more victories.

"He was a guy that scored some big goals in some big

games," Head Coach Adam Howarth said of Klatter's year.

"He wants to improve each year, and he definitely can," Howarth said. "He scored 10 goals for us this year, and next year we (as a team) want more from him, and I'm sure he wants to do the same."

Along with Klatter's 10 goals, he also assisted on four other goals from Panther players.

The Panthers also had two freshmen earn MVC recognition for their play this season.

Freshmen forward Joel Del Toro earned All-MVC honorable mention and is the last freshman to earn the honor since Klatter in 2002. Howarth knew what type of player the Panthers would be getting in Del Toro when they signed him, and he didn't disappoint.

The impact Del Toro had

in the MVC during his first season shows the type of player he can be, Howarth said. This season, Del Toro finished the season with a balanced offensive attack that yielded four goals and four assists.

"We want him to do better next year, and hopefully get in one of the top two teams (first or second team in the MVC)," Howarth said.

Brad Earl was named to the All-MVC freshmen team and was one of the Panthers' most reliable players all season.

"Brad was a solid and consistent player all year," Howarth said of the freshman. "He was one of the better passers on the team, especially in short distances."

Also a very smart player, Howarth said this is a great stepping-stone for Earl as his career progresses.

### HOOPS:

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Gobczynski, Jason Wright or Emanuel Diky will play that role.

Samuels said those four players would definitely set the tempo for the team's maturity this season.

After its last preseason game on Friday at Lantz against Illinois-Springfield, the Panthers will have three more days until their regular season starts against a tough opponent in DePaul.

"I was watching a tape of DePaul, and they're tough," Samuels said. "We'll have to play them physical, not dirty, but those guys are big strong players. We have to execute with toughness."

DePaul is not the only tough team the Panthers play this year.

"They're all tough," Samuels said.

The Panthers also play at Indiana State and at Kansas State followed by a trip to Purdue heading into conference play on Jan. 6 at Tennessee Tech.

Starting on the road against Kansas State on Dec. 30, the Panthers will have six road games including four Ohio Valley Conference contests that ends at Tennessee State before the team comes home to play Austin Peay on Jan. 20.

Those non-conference games are used to bring our team to its peak performance," Samuels said. "Those games are for building our team to make a run at the conference championship."

Samuels said non-conference games help him figure out what rotations work well. They help the team build chemistry. And those games present situations the Panthers will face in the OVC season.

### RECRUITING:

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of his first freshmen recruiting class.

Lippard, Kramer and Klumppers all are coming to Eastern from Indiana, and Canale joins the Panthers from the Detroit suburb of Canton, Mich. The lone woman from Illinois, Edwards, has the impressive resume of possibly becoming the all-time leading scorer at the Des Plaines high school of Maine West where she has been on two state champion teams.

"(Edwards) is a kid who is so well-rounded it's almost scary," Sallee said. "She's brilliant in her school work, and her leadership abilities are off the chart."

Canale was a player that Sallee noticed after attending a Junior Olympics event in Michigan. Since

seeing her play, Sallee has felt that she could play the point or either swing position.

"She already has a strong Division I body, so she can get in and rebound but also has the quickness to play exactly the way we want her to," Sallee said. "Defensive pressure and quickness are her game, and that fits us well."

Kramer is a player that Eastern is hoping will develop into a player that can challenge at the point guard position throughout her career. Between her height (she stands at 5 feet 8 inches) and her ability, Sallee thinks she has plenty of potential.

"(Kramer) was exactly what I was looking for in a point guard because she is very quick and plays at a high tempo," Sallee said. "At 5'8" she causes extra problems in pressing situations."

Lippard was the inside presence that the coaching staff was looking for with senior center Pam O'Connor departing after this season.

"She is right up my ally as far as her mentality and demeanor on the court," Sallee said. "She's a girl we could put down on the block, and she will just beat people up for awhile."

Klumpers rounds out the group, as another guard with size that Sallee feels will be able to handle the ball and pressure defensively the way he wants to.

To sum up, the group that will be coming to Eastern next year, Sallee said he looked, simply, for "competitors."

"These girls all have that in common; you throw them out on the floor and they'll fight you tooth and nail," he said.

### HOHENADEL:

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for Manning to start his NFL career. He could get sacked 100 times in his team's remaining seven games making him well on his way to being the next Chris Chandler.

Speaking of ex-Bear quarterbacks,

did anyone see who threw for 416 yards on 29 of 38 passing for the Canadian Football League Saskatchewan team? You guessed it right if you said Henry Burris. I think Burris had negative passing yards for the Bears.

What's the most surprising thing of the season? The Pittsburgh Steelers.

Manning and Phillip Rivers were both selected over Ben Roethlisberger, who is the only one of the three to start a game so far this year.

Roethlisberger is 7-0 as the Steelers' signal caller. Although five of those wins came against losing teams the other two came against two of the NFL's best. Perhaps you

saw the Monday night game featuring the Philadelphia Eagles. They looked pretty good right? Well Big Ben and the Steelers made the Eagles look more like sparrows. Oh, and as for the New England Patriots NFL record 21-game win streak. Big Ben turned it into a one-game losing streak.

How is he doing it? He's not putting up huge numbers. The most yards he's thrown for in a single game is only 231. The most touchdowns he's thrown in a single game is only 2. But the kid plays like a veteran. He manages a game. When are the Bears going to get a quarterback like him? Do they already have him?

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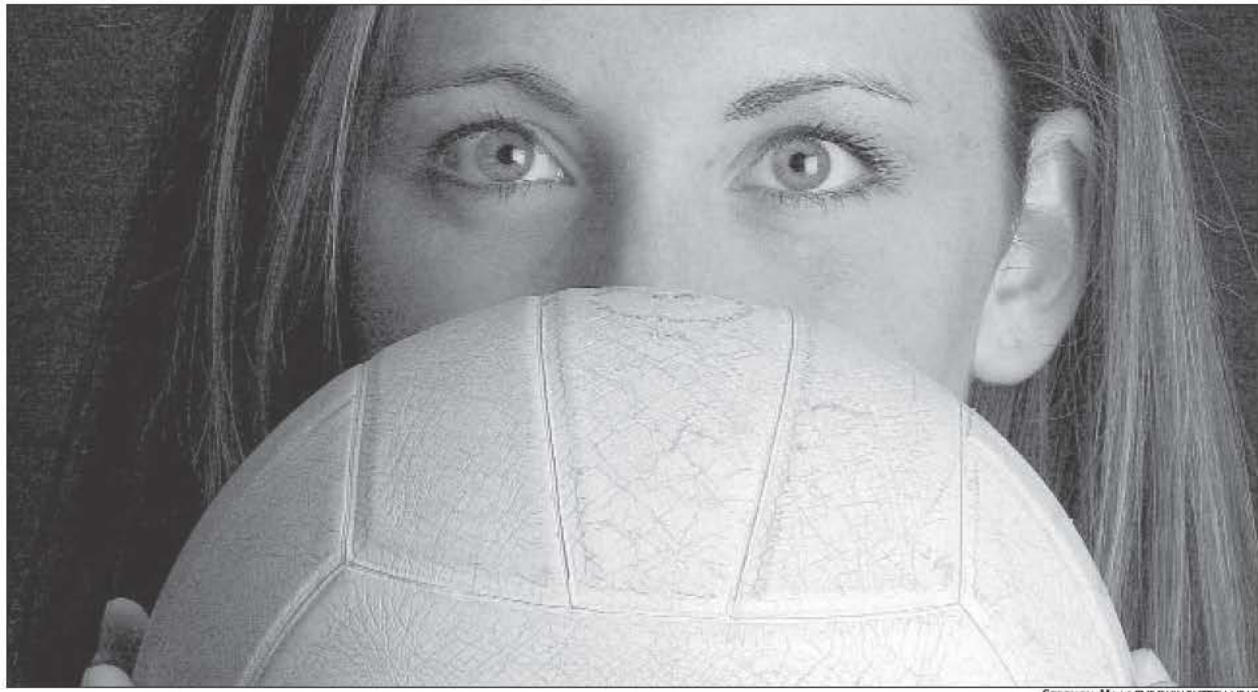
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Junior Megan Kennedy has become Eastern's second option offensively after improving during her first couple of seasons in the Eastern program.

## FROM RAGS TO RICHES

Eastern found a gem in a player who didn't foresee volleyball as her future

BY DAN WOIKE  
STAFF WRITER

When it came to future plans, junior Megan Kennedy didn't really consider collegiate volleyball.

During her junior year of high school, Kennedy didn't see the court on her club volleyball team. And since that's when most players catch the eyes of college coaches, she said, playing volleyball didn't seem to fit into her college plans.

"I wasn't thinking that I'd play college volleyball," she said.

Fast-forward five years to Kennedy's third season as a middle blocker for the Panther volleyball team.

Not only is Kennedy playing college volleyball, she's playing it well for a team that just earned a share of the Ohio Valley Conference regular season championship.

Eastern Head Coach Brenda Winkler said her junior middle blocker always possessed great athletic attributes like quickness and vertical leap, but her athletic ability began to shine more brightly and more often this season.

"Her strong point this season is her consistency," Winkler said. "In the past two years, she'd have some great nights, but they would be followed up by mediocrity."



"This season, it's been so important for everyone on the team to know that every night they can count on Megan Kennedy."

What the Panthers have counted on from Kennedy, this year, is 3,339 kills per game, which came at an efficient hitting percentage of .314.

And just like her college volleyball career snuck up on her, Kennedy surprised Panther opponents with a revamped offensive arsenal.

Relying mostly on her jumping abil-

ity and shot power in her first two seasons at Eastern, Kennedy recorded a modest .175 hitting percentage, far below the .300 clip Winkler expects from her middle blockers.

"I was kind of shaky last year," Kennedy said with a laugh.

To improve on those numbers, she devoted her off-season to developing a wider array of offensive shots.

"I know last year, if I was somehow off balance a little or if I got a bad set, I'd just wail the ball out of bounds," Kennedy said. "This year, I've learned how to make shots in off-system plays."

"I'm not scared to hit the ball hard and go after a shot."


The changes in shot selection and confidence have helped her surge to a .333 hitting percentage in the Panthers' 16 conference matches, second on the

team and fourth-best in the OVC. Over the conference season, Kennedy has also averaged 3.56 kills per game, making her the Panthers number two option behind Eastern's all-time kills leader, senior outside hitter Erica Gerth.

After earning a spot on the 2004 All-Ohio Valley Conference Volleyball Second Team, Kennedy knows she won't be able to sneak up on people much longer. However, that doesn't mean her improvements will stop sneaking up on her.

"One thing I notice this year is that I see where the blocker's hands are at," she said. "It's kind of a weird sensation to be up in the air and then all of sudden see exactly where to hit the ball like it's slow-motion."

"I don't know how you teach that." It sounds like it just snuck up on her.



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	Volleyball at OVC Tournament	TBD
FRIDAY	WOMEN'S BASKETBALL VS. ST. FRANCIS	5:15 p.m.
	Men's Basketball vs. Illinois Springfield	7:35 p.m.
SATURDAY	FOOTBALL AT SANFORD	1 p.m.
SUNDAY	WRESTLING AT MISSOURI OPEN	All Day

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### BALL FOUR

JOHN HOHENADEL  
SPORTS WRITER

## Questions for half a season

BY JOHN HOHENADEL  
SPORTS REPORTER

It's the middle of the NFL season. Nothing gets better than this. Well, few things get better than this.

Just talking sports, March Madness is the king of all. The beginning of the baseball season and the beginning of the football season are both equally exciting. But now we're in the middle of the NFL season.

Unlike in that first week of the season, we now know who to put our 14's on in our confidence pools. We know what rookies are playmakers. We know who to start and who to bench in our fantasy football leagues.

But there are still some things that confuse us.

The last two days I woke up and asked myself out loud how Craig Krenzel is 3-0 as the Chicago Bears starting quarterback. The man has a 49.4 quarterback rating.

What do you think of when you here the names Tim Rattay, Mark Brunell, Brad Johnson, Josh McCown, Brian Griese and or Vinny Testaverde?

Here's what I think. Rattay is the first 49er quarterback who isn't good. Brunell is old, he throws with the wrong hand and he's now holding a clipboard. Johnson is a former champion. Isn't McCown that guy that ended the Minnesota Vikings' season last year? Griese is just umm...well he's not good or is he? Testaverde is older than my dad. Where's Tony Romo?

And although all these guys seem to be either over the hill, over achievers or overpaid, they all have better passer ratings than Krenzel.

Even Rex Grossman has a better passer rating than Krenzel, which I suppose isn't that surprising. But what is surprising is that Grossman still has more passing yards than Krenzel.

What else surprises me is that we're heading into week 11 here and Eli Manning hasn't started a game for the New York Giants. Giants head coach Tom Coughlin has announced this week that Manning will get his chance this weekend. I guess he's seen enough of Kurt Warner getting sacked. But it's not like it's his fault.

I just don't think it's a good time

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Eastern hoops ready for real tests

BY JOHN HOHENADEL  
SPORTS REPORTER

The old saying "practice makes perfect" makes sense. But the men's basketball team is just about ready to put all its practice time into game situations.

Two preseason games thus far have given Head Coach Rick Samuels some game experience to evaluate his team with, but Samuels said preseason games are primarily used to break up the monotony of practice.

"These kids play for games," Samuels said. "That's when they find out how they stack up against the competition."

The Panthers have been practicing for some time now. Midnight Madness was during homecoming weekend. That was Oct. 15, a little over a month ago.

Imagine having to go to practice for 30 days straight with no games in between.

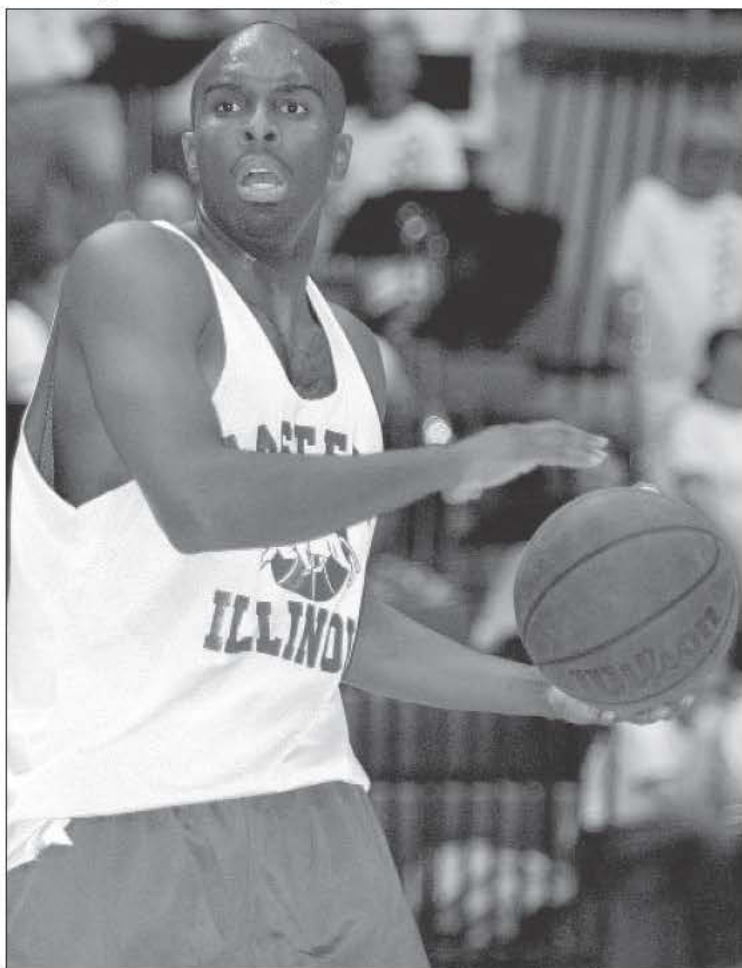
Samuels said there really aren't many ways to break up the monotony of practices. There are, of course, inter-squad games, but players get tired of going against the same guys day in and day out.

Proving that the players do take the inter-squad games seriously, junior guard Josh Gomes shot 14-14 from the field in the last scrimmage.

"He's been a consistent performer for us, especially offensively," Samuels said.

Samuels said Gomes has developed into somewhat of a vocal leader, but he added that being the vocal leader would never be Gomes' primary role on the team.

Someone else on the Panthers will have to step up and be the vocal leader. Perhaps one of their four seniors such as Aaron Patterson, Andy



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Senior guard Emanuel Diddy looks to pass during the Midnight Madness scrimmage game in Lantz Arena on Oct. 16. Diddy is one of four seniors the Panthers are looking to for leadership as their season begins.

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### WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

## Sallee rounds up first recruiting class

BY AARON SEIDLITZ  
SPORTS EDITOR

First year women's basketball Head Coach Brady Sallee has officially welcomed in his first recruiting class for Eastern.

The coach, who stresses athleticism and competitiveness, is excited about the players he has brought into the fold for future seasons. The five players that Sallee targeted as recruits that signed with Eastern are from three states in the Midwest: three came from Indiana, one came from Michigan and only one came from Illinois.

Sallee said that recruiting in the

Midwest for the first time was not a problem because he knew who to contact and how to view a lot of these players.

"I called upon a couple of contacts that led me in the right direction out here," Sallee said. "A couple of these players I saw while I was still at East Carolina, but really there was nothing different about the recruiting process upon my move out here."

Looking for players who fit his mold, Sallee has named Julie Lippert, Kara Kramer, Lindsey Klumpp, Megan Edwards and Ellen Canale as members

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### MEN'S BASKETBALL

## Naperville product newest Panther

STAFF REPORT

Tapping into the same area that produced Eastern standout Henry Domercant, Panther basketball coach Rick Samuels has signed Nequa Valley (Naperville) guard Billy Parrish.

The 6-foot-4 inch guard has a solid frame that Samuels believes could lead to Parrish becoming a highly skilled guard who can help the team rebound as well.

"He's athletic now and he's a bigger bodied kid than most of the guards we have," Samuels said. "He's not really tall but he does add a different dimension because he is left handed."

Parrish will have to battle through injury, as he has lost his senior year of high school because of a knee injury. The injury, however, does not worry Samuels about whether or not the young guard will be able to come back.

"He's a hard working, muscular kid which will lead to him recovering fine," Samuels said. "He's got a lot of time, but the disappointment is that he will have lost his senior year."

Explaining the style in which Parrish plays, Samuels believes that he has improved his jump shot, but still will have an inside presence for a guard.